



MERRILLVUE

57





**The Class
of 1957
Presents a
SILHOUETTE
of Merrillville**

Merrillville High School
Merrillville, Indiana

1956-57

Found

Changes . . .

Students at Merrillville began their second year in the new school in the midst of a continuing building program. At the start of the year only a shell of the new gymnasium had been erected, but before Christmas vacation it was nearing completion. The gymnasium will be equipped with stage, large basketball court, folding partition, and folding bleachers to accommodate over 2800 people.



Framework up



Progress steady

... School Life the Same

Despite the rapid change in the outward appearance of the school, the inward operation remained essentially the same. Classroom procedures were more modern, the cafeteria remained the center of activity at mealtimes. After the school activities end, the students and teachers leave the school to the able and efficient care of the janitors, who prepare the building and rooms for the next busy day.



Hard work builds the appetite.



All quiet after a busy day.



Get busy there!

Aside from the ordinary routine of the school and classrooms, there were many extra curricular activities to add fun and interest to our school life. The 1956-57 school year started out with the forming of clubs, initiations, and football games.

Fall Brought Football . . .



Cheering the boys on



Bruising . . .



Outstanding performance



The night before the big game

... Homecoming, Cheering, and Initiations



Winners all three.



Go Pirates Go!



contact



Vickroy sets the pace.

We Combine Work and Play



Step lively freshman!



Friendly supervision.



Band wins awards.



College day for seniors.

Juniors work behind the scenes.

ADMINISTRATION

MERRILLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL





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Principal

Administration and Faculty Guides Student Life

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lege, B. A., Indiana
University, Purdue Uni-
versity.



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ing, and English; Valpo
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Indiana University, B.S.
M.B.A.



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University, B.S., Butler
University, M.S.

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DEMAREE**

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B.S., Purdue University,
Indiana University, Akron
Ohio University.

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Physical Education,
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University, M.S.

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English and Speech;
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HOLDERMAN**

Art; Ball State Teachers
College, B.S.E., Ohio
State.

**MARGARET
MAIETTA**

Spanish and English;
Valparaiso University
B.S.





FRANK MELTZER
Instrumental Music
Canterbury College,
B.S., Ball State Teachers
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WILLIAM METCALF
History, Health & Safety,
Physical Education,
Baseball Coach; Valpo
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Manchester College, B.A., Ball State
Teachers College M.S.,
Indiana University.



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Eastern Illinois State
College, B.S.



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Home Economics; Indiana
State Teachers College, B.S.



JEROULD REINHART
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University, B.M.E.

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 Education; P u r d u e,
 B.S., M.S.

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 S h o p, Architectural
 Drawing, Machine Plas-
 tics; Indiana State
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 lege of Education.

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 Agriculture; Valpo Uni-
 versity, B.S.

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 ana State Teachers Col-
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 WOOLDRIDGE**
 Shop, Machine and
 Plastics, Advanced
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 Illinois University, B.S.,
 Indiana University,
 Purdue University.

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 Bookkeeping, Typing,
 Office Practice, Business
 Math; Central Normal,
 B.S., Indiana Univer-
 sity.



Mrs. Newcomb, Mrs.
Temple, Mrs. Sandlin,
and Mrs. Munchenburg



Cooks and Janitors Help in School Operation



Mr. Charlie Hendrichs,
Mr. Pete Lennertz, and
Mr. Joe Rendo

CLASSES

MERRILLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL





OFFICERS, Marcia Rogers, President; Evelyn Elkins, Secretary; Mickey Brugos, Treasurer; and Danny Clements, Vice-President; Vernon Conner, Head Advisor.

The Big Step

The fall of '56 was a very important event in the lives of approximately 190 newly-enrolled Freshman. They have taken steps to greater goals. Leading the class as officers, were Marcia Rogers, Evelyn Elkins, Mickey Brugos, and Danny Clements.

However, it wasn't all studying for the Freshies. One of the social activities of the Freshman class was holding a dance in April. In February, they shared the responsibility of putting on a play with the sophomore class.

Under the capable guidance of Mrs. Bothwell, Mr. Conner, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Begrowicz, and Mr. Wooldridge, the Freshman class completed a highly successful and happy year.

Jeanne Adams
Emory Alexander
Richard Angerman
Lois Appleton
David Austin
Paula Bush
Eugene Bach
Priscilla Bardwell
Blanche Bascom
Lolita Beaty
Carol Beckwith
Nick Bobeck
Merl Borrman
Amy Brake
Jack Broadway
Mickey Brugos
Ronald Calhoun
John Cannon
Pat Carver
Gerald Clap
George Clawson



Largest Class to Enter M. H. S.

Danny Clements
 Jerry Cogelja
 Delores Cole
 George Cook
 Walter Cook
 Karen Cooper
 Richard Cooper

Walter Craig
 Arlene Daege
 Warren Danford
 Linda Day
 Dick Delor
 Richard Demaree
 Glenn Dipert

Chester Dobis
 Dorothy Eich
 Evelyn Elkins
 Jackie Evans
 Martha Fabrici
 John Feasel
 Tim Fezko

Herbert Fiebelkorn
 Jim Fitzgerald
 Janice Fratzke
 Karen Freeman
 Jim Friedlund
 Bill Gearhart
 Roger Gifford

Mary Ann Glanis
 Art Goetschel
 Sharon Gorrell
 Bob Goss
 Nancy Gullic
 Theda Hampton
 Judy Hansen

Mike Harris
 Linda Hasley
 Nancy Hathaway
 Shirley Hein
 Sandra Heller
 Dale Henderson
 Karen Hlodmicki

Pat Holdemen
 Frances Hollenbaugh
 Robert Horner
 Richard Jewell
 Pat Jergens
 Terry Joy
 Leonard Kackmarek

Bill Kaurich
 Edmond Kennedy
 Jean Kimberly
 Joyce King
 John Kish
 Judy Knauer
 Coralie Komp



Freshman Display Interest in Sports . . .



Dennis Korhel
Steve Kosac
Leonard Krueger
Linda Kwasny
Donna Lavery
Nellie Leggitt
Dave Litherland

Jim Loggie
Carol Lowell
Louis Mack
Clay Macpherson
Pat Madolski
Nancy Mc Grann
Janice Mc Nary

Donald Marx
Karen Meiselbar
Jerry Melle
Thomas Menke
Kathy Meyer
Pat Mikula
Al Minniti

Noreen Mitchell
George Moore
Tom Morfee
Lee Morris
Nancy Muchenburg
June Murray
Jerry Musitelli

Russell Nevulis
Jane Nichols
Janice Northup
Betty Ohren
Francis Ott
Kathleen Pagel
Carolyn Palmer

Ken Patton
Bonnie Paulga
Bhelia Paulson
Everly Payne
Yvonne Peterson
Jack Pierce
Tom Pintar

Peggy Piskor
Bob Pudunovich
Bill Porter
Sally Raich
Hershal Rainwater
Bill Reid
Linda Reveal

Marian Rhodes
Pat Rimer
Jerry Ripley
Bernadette Roessing
Marcia Rogers
Richard Sader
Norman Schulte

As Well As Clubs and Other Activities.

Judy Scott
Delores Searer
Carolyn Serynck
Norma Severence
Judy Shapley
Stuart Sheets
Bill Sherwood

Joan Simon
Pat Single
Billy Smith
Louis Spitz
Richard Stahler
Nancy Stanley
Bob Steiner

Pat Stowers
Warren Stowers
Judy Stringham
Mike Sullivan
Paul Surowiec
Harold Swinford
Al Szal

Marie Tancos
Berniece Taylor
Bill Thomas
Harold Titak
Marjorie Todd
Mary Ann Uremovich
George Uselac

Ron Vendl
Linda Viers
Carol Vizona
Becky Wachter
Mary Welches
Jim Wiggins
Dianne Wilburn

Almira Williams
Ike Williford
Lyn Willis
Beverly Witham
James Wojahn
Bruce Woods
Cynthia Worley

Marilyn Young
Dennis Yuraitis





FIRST ROW: Linda Luedtke, *secretary*; Carol Bartos, *vice-president*; Stuart Jewell, *president*. SECOND ROW: Mr. Bovard, *head sponsor*; Clark Mullen, *treasurer*.

Second Year for Class Of '59

After a very confusing first year in the new Merrillville High School, the Class of 1959 bounced back with a flying start in their second season in the new habitat. Participation in all clubs and extra-curricular activities was typical of this class of energetic boys and girls.

Members of the class were the first to participate in the newly inaugurated freshman-sophomore yearly play, under the direction of Mr. Conner. Sophomores won some of the leading roles offered in the play.

Class officers were Stuart Jewell, president; Carol Bartos, vice-president; Linda Luedtke, secretary; and Clark Mullen, treasurer. Guidance in their many problems and decisions was offered by the sponsors: Mrs. Seale, Mr. Bovard, Mr. Demaree, and Mr. Beasley.

Class members selected black pull-over or cardigan sweaters with white numerals as significant of their class, and received them on the last day before the Christmas vacation. The class also sponsored a dance which had a large turnout and was successful.

A number of class members participated in varsity athletics, clubs, and fine arts. There were 138 members in the class.

The Class of 1959 will have the distinction of being the first class to graduate from the new Merrillville High School after having spent all four years of their high school careers in the new building.

Sophomore Dance Increases Treasury

Ronald Albin
Norma Anderson
Chuck Appleton
Edward Backe
Jack Bailey
Pete Ballestero
Janeanne Banzer

Carol Bartos
Karen Baurle
Fred Blissmer
Kent Borrmann
Jim Broadaway
Earl Bryant
Bill Buhr

Philip Burke
Joyce Bush
Joan Campbell
Kenny Carlin
Johlyn Charles
Joan Clarke
Judy Clarke

Carolyn Clawson
Sandy Clodfelder
Sharon Danford
Tom Davis
Lisa Demers
Duane Dipert
Don Dragonowski

Sharon Engelhart
Ed Fabrici
Pete Fuvuzzo
Terry Fischer
Phyllis Fleming
Judy Flick
Russ Franz

Nancy Garwood
Steve Gemeinhart
Jerry Gies
Max Gill
Ernest Gillam
Faye Hacker
Linsford Haines

Charles Hardt
Jim Harger
Bob Harper
Lavern Hein
Patty Hornak
Diane Hull
Bill Jednak

Bill Jeffery
Bob Jewell
Stuart Jewell
Judy Johnson
Daniel Jones
Bruce Kanuck
Jim Kennedy



Sophomores Proudly Display Sweaters . . .



Carolyn Klipp
Jeanette Kraft
Jane Krueger
June Krueger
Pat Kupec
Judy Lehman
Don Lewin

Donna Lipke
Marvin Logan
Nancy Long
Carmen Lowell
Devere Lucas
Linda Luedtke
Carl Mary

Richard Madas
Marvin Mager
Walter Majcher
Joe Marando
Sharon Martin
Robert McClure
Paul McFadden

Michael Mehr
Jon Miller
Diana Mitchell
Marilyn Mochl
Walter Moore
Clark Mullen
Robert Murray

Nancy Newman
Betty Nix
Dennis O'Connor
Norman Olson
Janice Orrell
Glenda Proger
Richard Radu

Laurence Rakoczy
Marilyn Ramsey
Loretta Rastovsky
Ken Reder
Janice Reed
David Reveal
Sandra Sanders

Judy Sandlin
Sharon Saynak
Marie Schiesser
Alyce Schultz
Jackie Serocka
Norman Shaffner
Dora Shebat

Sharon Shepitka
Terry Shotliff
Phyllis Shoup
Harvey ShROUT
Carolyn Smith
Elsie Sonnenberg
Ronald Stephens

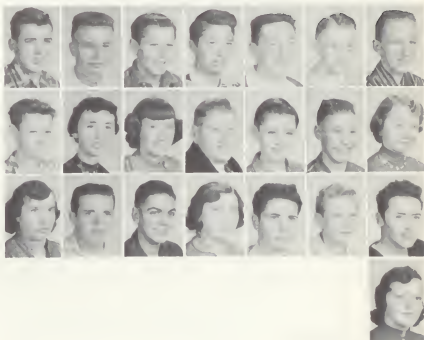
Colors of Black and White

Jim Stoltz
Barry Stowers
Howard Struble
Kenneth Stucker
Duane Timmons
John Titak
Dave Tonk

Tom Trussa
Connie Vickroy
Roseleen Wade
William Watkins
Eugene Weaver
John Webb
Jackie Wells

Carol Wilson
Bob Wilson
Richard White
Shirley Wirick
George Yonko
Duane Yaros
Ed Zimmer

Jeanette Zcha



Sophomores now used to everyday routine.





Annabelle Fernandez, *treasurer*; Ellen Wise, *secretary*; Jim Cozmanoff, *vice-president*; Mr. Pacatte, *sponsor*; Bob Vickroy, *president*.

Prom Hi-Lights Junior Year

Entering the Junior year of high school is the beginning of new and different subjects, decisions, and activities. Among these new subjects were typing and short-hand; decisions included the type of ring to be purchased by the class; and activities, of course, included the prom.

The Junior class had an enrollment of 138 students. They were under the able leadership of Bob Vickroy, president; Jim Cozmanoff, vice-president; Ellen Wise, secretary; and Annabelle Fernandez, treasurer. The four class sponsors were Mrs. Maietta, Mrs. Racosky, Mr. Pacatte, and Mr. Shettles.

The play given by the Juniors was the first play of the year and the first presented by this particular class. The title of the play chosen was "The Night of January 16th." The play set records in attendance at the two performances and in money earned.

Junior rings were especially nice this year with a colored stone backing the school insignia. The class also sponsored a dance in February, which was a successful venture.

April 27, 1957, was the date of the most memorable event in the lives of these Juniors. On that date the Junior-Senior Prom was held at the Crestmoor Country Club in Hobart. Music was furnished by the Cavaliers. This dance high-lighted and completed a successful and memorable year for the Class of 1958.

Play Proves to be Successful

Judy Anderson
Dawn Angerman
Judy Angerman
Sue Ellen Anstak
Mary Ann Ash
Wilda Ashton
Larry Baessier

Bill Bailey
Vivian Bali
Verla Bardwell
Ardith Becker
Kenneth Benson
Robert Berger
Larry Bihlman

Karen Bogan
Beverly Brechner
Mary Ann Broadway
Bill Burdan
Jackie Cantrall
Chester Chentik
Darrell Clawson

Jim Cozmanoff
Robert Danford
Laurali Deuberry
Ida Dispennett
Don Dowdy
Barbara Eckstrom
Carolyn Eich

Marilyn Engstrom
Barbara Felinski
Annabelle Fernandez
Susan Frank
Bill Fratzke
Jay Garmong
Joe Gavelek

Robin Gildersleeve
Tom Gilrowski
Carol Gordon
JoEllen Groza
Marilyn Guse
Beverly Hansen
Gary Harding

Ada Heavin
Charles Hein
Marjorie Held
Don Henderson
Karen High
Lyle Hill
Sharon Holdeman

Linda Hoskins
Darlene Hunter
Janice Johnston
Doug Kent
Allan Killion
Dalford King
Lois Klingaman



Juniors Purchase Class Rings



Mary Ann Koenig
 Vickie Lahaie
 Pat Lavery
 Richard Lewis
 Judy Lollis
 Mary Lonsbury
 Aaron Macy

Bill Mandley
 Joanne Mandley
 Steve Mandula
 Steve Marsalek
 Priscilla Martinez
 Jerry Massengill
 Clifford Massey

Bryant Matthews
 Douglas Mays
 Kathleen McDowell
 Susan McGrann
 CaroleMcLean
 Alice Meiselbar
 Larry Melle

Karen Milobar
 Karen Mitchell
 Gail Monroe
 Joan Neff
 William Niles
 Gerrie Primich
 Julie Primich

Dorothy Probst
 Aaron Rainwater
 Delphus Rainwater
 Dixie Rastovski
 Patty Rastovski
 Terry Riddle
 Jill Rocker

Leah Rae Rosenbalm
 Thomas Rosenbalm
 Bonnie Russell
 Richard Sackowitz
 Sandra Sadler
 Kathleen Scheub
 James Schulte

Joe Shapley
 John Shapley
 Ron Sherrington
 Nancy Shevick
 Janice Sobat
 Pat Soohay
 Joan Stefankiewicz

Norma Stringham
 Sylvia Sun
 Becky Sumner
 Tom Talbott
 Catherine Tancos
 Larry Temple
 Judy Thompson

Insignia Backed by Blue Stone

Carole Timmons
 Joe Tomasic
 Bob Vickroy
 Nancy Vlasic
 Richard Vlasic
 Janet Wagoner
 Mary Ann Wallace



Barbara Webb
 Henry Wegman
 David Wilburn
 Ellen Wise
 Glennys Wright
 Larry Yurko
 Richard Zuccolotto

REHEARSING FOR PLAY: Lyle Hill, Jim Cozmanoff, and Janice Sobat.



Lunch is served



Fads and Fashions



English knits popular.



Boys like V necks.



Junior girls wear knee socks.



Senior boys wear white bucks.

Bermudas popular year round.



Rah Rah hats make new fad.



ORGANIZATIONS



Student Council Promotes Student Interests



Walter Ashton, Al Szal, Mickey Brugus, Jill Rocker, Nancy Johnston, Pat Mikula, Judy Sandlin, Nancy Wagoner, Nancy Gullic, Marcia Rogers, Stuart Jewell, Clark Mullen, Bruce Kanuck, Chuck Appleton, Bob Vickroy, Richard Harbit, Don Maddock, Tom Gilrowski, Dawn Angerman.



Mr. Wichmanowski, *sponsor*; Jack Tonk, *treasurer*; Tom Gilrowski, *vice-president*; Dawn Angerman, *secretary*; Walter Ashton, *president*.

Under the direction of Mr. Henry Wichmanowski, the Merrillville High School Student Council had another successful and constructive year. Besides sponsoring many varied activities in which all students were invited to participate, the Council also attempted to promote a knowledge and interest in good student government.

It also attempted to encourage students to accept and discharge responsibilities to themselves and to their school, and to stimulate a spirit of co-operation among the students and faculty. Another job the Council undertook was to aid the development of loyal, constructive school spirit.

Highlighting the activities the Council sponsored during the year were the Homecoming Bonfire, Homecoming Dance, and the Athletic Ball.

The Student Council consists of the president of each high school class and a representative from each home room. During the year, a committee was appointed by the Council to purchase records to be played at school dances and at Noon hour.

Officers for the year were Walter Ashton, president; Tom Gilrowski, vice-president; Dawn Angerman, secretary; and Jack Tonk, treasurer.



Speech Club Has Largest Membership

Speech club this year was led capably by President Mary Lonsbury. The club consisted of over one hundred and twenty members, the largest group of students to join in the history of the club. Mr. W. Vernon Conner sponsored the group to one of its most successful years.

The purpose of the Speech club is to provide extra-curricular activities in the field of speech. The members of the club work and participate in the activities to earn points to be added to their record. The club was very active this year, and its members were kept busy keeping the club running smoothly. It was successful in all of its ventures and all in all the Speech club had a very good year.

Among the many activities sponsored by the club was a mid-winter dance which was held on January 11, the theme of which was "Winter Fantasy." Among other activities of the club were: the Lew Wallace Student Congress, in which a number of students participated, and the state-wide Student Congress which was held at Purdue University.

About thirty members of the club attended the Purdue congress accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Conner and some parents.

Other officers of the club were Gerrie Primich, vice-president; Ellen Wise, secretary; and Barbara Smith, treasurer.

Ellen Wise, *secretary*; Barbara Smith, *treasurer*; Alice Meiselbar, *sergeant-at-arms*; V. Conner, *sponsor*; Mary Lonsbury, *president*



Busy Year for F. F. A.



With nine "farmers," those who have been in the club for more than a year, and 14 "green hands," the Merrillville chapter of the Future Farmers of America got off to a successful start under the guidance of Mr. Shettles.

Among their many activities were a Christmas party and a public speaking and parliamentary contest. The FFA also sent delegates to the state convention which was held at Purdue University.

This year a new point system was started in which a prize was offered for the most points received in contests. The FFA also helped many of its members to purchase jackets. The club has always played a prominent part among the various student activities at M. H. S., and this year was no exception. Club members worked together to make this year one of the most successful in the club's history.

OFFICERS: Charles Hein, Mr. Shettles, *sponsor*; Ronnie Jednek, Bill Jedynak, Aaron Rainwater, Joe Gavelek, Ronnie Pessmeg, *president*.





ROW 1: Phyllis Fudge, vice-president; Sharon Clodfelder, librarian; Carol Day, song leader; Mary Ann Ash, historian; Betty Brown, president. ROW 2: Irene Collins, sponsor; Linda Luedtke, secretary; Carmen Lowell, treasurer; Bill Sukel, parliamentarian.

The Ella Zieseniss Chapter of Future Teachers of America had a booming second year. The officers were: Betty Brown, president; Phyllis Fudge, vice-president; Linda Luedtke, secretary; Carmen Lowell, treasurer; Mary Ann Ash, historian; Carol Day, song leader; Sharon Clodfelder, librarian; Bill Sukel, parliamentarian; and Mrs. Collins, sponsor.

All FTA members had to earn at least fifty points. They did this by helping teachers, community work, and teaching Sunday School. Also representative teachers of the various grade levels spoke at different meetings. They were as follows: Mrs. Zieseniss, Mr. Stefak, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Bovard, and Mr. Conner.

All the members spent an enjoyable day visiting a classroom in the community. Representatives were also present at district and state conventions.

F. T. A. Will Lead the Way

STANDING: Betty Brown. FIRST ROW: Mrs. Collins, L. Luedtke, K. Baurle, C. Eich, M. Ash, S. Shepitka, A. Heavin. SECOND ROW: J. Dean, C. Day, N. Stanley, D. Searer, A. Williams, C. Lowell, N. Johnston, B. Wells. THIRD ROW: K. Pagel, L. Reveal, S. Clodfelder, P. Fudge, J. Canter, M. Fabrici, P. Mikula, J. Murray, N. McGrann, C. Bartos, C. Vickroy, B. Sukel.





Sunshiners Place Service Above Self

"Others" is the motto of these girls of the Sunshine Club, who place service above self. Approximately 110 members supported the Society this year.

As in years past, the girls were engaged in various activities and services. Early in the fall, they held a get-together picnic and informal initiation at the Fairgrounds. In October they journeyed to Delphi, Indiana, for the district convention.

Many other activities included dressing dolls and making toys for Christmas to be distributed by the Salvation Army, Christmas caroling at Parramore Hospital, sponsoring the annual Sock Hop in January, and selling candy. Part of the proceeds from the candy sales were sent to the Riley Hospital Fund which is the state project for all Sunshiners. Closing this year's activities was the party in the spring. The Speech Club entertained with a one act play.

Leading the Sunshine Society this year as officers were: Shirlee Shepitka, president; Susan Frank, vice-president; Marie Schiesser, recording secretary; Carolyn Smith, corresponding secretary; and Beverly Purkey, treasurer. Mrs. Bovard and Miss Hiland shared the sponsorship this year.



Miss Hiland, sponsor; Beverly Purkey, treasurer; Shirlee Shepitka, president; Mrs. Bovard, sponsor; Carolyn Smith, corresponding secretary; Marie Schiesser, recording secretary; and Susan Frank, vice-president.

F. H. A. Has Busy Year

The purpose of the Future Homemakers of America, is to become better homemakers. The members can earn pins by being on committees, attending social functions, being officers, and attending meetings.

The club started off the year with an informal initiation at the Fair Grounds in Crown Point. The formal initiation was held in the Auditorium.

Many of the members attended the District fall and spring conventions. The club had many money making projects. They had bake sales, sold refreshments at games and dances, and sponsored their annual dance, The Heart Hop.

FHA members were very active and worked hard during the year to make it one of the best years in the history of the club.

Norma Stringham led the club as president this year, and was assisted by Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Racosky as sponsors.



OFFICERS: Marjorie Held, Nancy Vlasic, Judy Sandlin, Judy Clarke, Betty Nix, Janice Sobat, Carole Timmons, Shirley Shepitka, Sandra Sadler. *SITTING:* Mrs. Racosky, *sponsor*; Norma Stringham, *president*; Mrs. Thomas, *sponsor*.





Senior Hi-Y Sets High Standards

The Senior Hi-Y enjoyed another successful year under the sponsorship of Mr. Begrowicz. The club was supervised and directed by Dick Knauer, president. He was helped out by John Nemith, vice-president; Jim Lowe, secretary; Don Lunsford, treasurer; Rich Harbit, sergeant-at-arms; Dave Metcalf, chaplain; and Don Bartos, reporter.

The members of the club were busy living up to their purpose of creating, maintaining, and extending throughout the home, school, and community, high standards of Christian character.

Hi-lighting the many activities of the club was the sponsorship of the annual Christmas Dance. The dance was decorated beautifully and it was a huge success. They had a paper drive prior to the dance to raise funds.

The club began working on a project to honor members who had gone into the armed service. Many suggestions were given, but the project was postponed until a more functional suggestion would arise.

Members of the club worked hard all year and made the Senior Hi-Y one of the most active clubs in M. H. S. They got a lot accomplished and succeeded in almost everything they attempted. All in all, the club had a very successful year.



John Nemith, *vice-president*; Richard Harbit, *sergeant-at-arms*; Don Bartos, *reporter*; Dave Metcalf, *chaplain*; Don Lunsford, *treasurer*; Jim Lowe, *secretary*; Dick Knauer, *president*; Mr. Begrowicz, *sponsor*.



OFFICERS: Mr. Bovard, *sponsor*; Jim Kennedy, Stuart Jewell, Richard Madas, Ernest Gillam, *president*; Dennis O'Conner.

The club started off their year with a trip to Chicago to watch the Chicago Bears meet the Los Angeles Rams in a football game.

One of the major events on the club calendar, was their annual Hobo Dance. The students dressed as tramps and prizes were given for the best costume. Everyone had a good time and the dance was very successful.

Something new in the line of activities for the club included a paper drive which was a big success.

The club, under the sponsorship of Mr. Demaree, also enjoyed activities such as their annual picnic held in the Dunes State Park, and a tea held for the mothers of club members.

They ended the year by giving four trophies to the basketball and football players whom the club considered the most valuable to their teams.

Junior Hi-Y Is Activity Conscious





Freshman Hi-Y Helpful to New Students

Under the guidance of Mr. James Bovard, the Freshman Hi-Y got off to a good start in 1956-57 and ended up by having one of its most successful years. Through this club, members attempt to gain some idea of how all clubs, in general, operate and to further their interest in belonging to clubs.

Another important function of Freshman Hi-Y is to further an interest in members working together as a group to present successful projects. These objectives have been the purpose of the club since its organization.

Among activities sponsored by the club was a dance held on January 25, and a skating party which was held later in the year. Mickey Brugos was president of the club during the year.

About 30 members belonged to the group for the second straight year. This club is considered one of the more helpful groups for freshman students in directing them to a good start in high school.



OFFICERS: Roger Gifford, Al Szal, Mickey Brugos, president; Mr. Bovard, sponsor; Tim Feczko.

Hail the Romans

The Latin Club of Merrillville High School was organized by a group of enthusiastic Latin students in 1954. It is affiliated with the Junior Classical League.

The purpose of the club is to promote a better understanding of ancient Greek and Roman civilizations.

Among the activities this year, they sponsored a winter dance themed the "Snow Ball," a field trip, and a Roman Banquet in the spring with all guests attending in authentic Roman costumes.

Representatives are also sent to the State and National conventions.

Officers this year were: Bill Sukel, president; Susan Mc Grann, vice-president; Carolyn Clauson, secretary; Karen Baurle, treasurer; and Clark Mullen and Carl Macy, sergeant-at-arms. The sponsor of the club was Mrs. Collins.



Carl Macy, *sergeant-at-arms*; Susan Mc Grann, *vice-president*; Linda Luedtke, *historian*; Clark Mullen, *sergeant-at-arms*; Karen Baurle, *treasurer*; Carolyn Clauson, *secretary*; Mrs. Collins, *sponsor*; Bill Sukel, *president*.





G. A. A. Sponsors Sadie Hawkins Dance

Under the leadership of Donna Gust as president, this year proved to be a successful one for the Merrillville GAA. The sponsors who helped lead the club were Miss Yacuk and Mrs. Seale.

The years' events opened with the annual initiation of the new members. The freshman girls belonging to GAA had to dress as little girls, six years of age or under. It was a lot of fun for everybody, especially the upper classmen. Also, later in the year, the club had its annual skating party.

As always, the most important event of the year was the Sadie Hawkins Dance which the GAA sponsors every year. This is a turn about dance, and the tradition of Sadie Hawkins day is carried out thoroughly. The dance was preceded by a week of the girls asking boys, called Twirp Week, which means The Woman Is Requested To Pay. At the dance Lil' Abner and Daisy Mae were chosen and married in the latter part of the evening.

New officers were elected and installed at the annual banquet over fried chicken and entertainment. Awards were given to those who had enough points to win them.

The final event of the year was the outing. It was held at Dunes State Park, as it has been for the past few years. This signifies the ending of another school year, the last for some of us, so everyone tries their best to make the outing a day of fun and merriment. It was very successful and was enjoyed by all the members. The GAA has always been one of the most active girls' clubs, and this year was no exception.



Sharon Evers, reporter; Shirley Piskor, sergeant-at-arms; Leah Rae Rosenbalm, sergeant-at-arms; Barbara Smith, sergeant-at-arms; Donna Gust, president; Jill Rocker, vice-president; Norma Stringham, sergeant-at-arms; Judy Clarke, song leader. **STANDING:** Mrs. Seale, sponsor; Suzie Black, secretary; Beverly Purkey, treasurer; Miss Yasuk, sponsor.



STANDING: Richard Harbit, Garry Clements, Ray Sullivan, Ronald Sherrington, Dave Bodkin, Art Richa, Coach Edward Engelhart, Don Bartos, Dave Metcalf, John Deppe, Bryant Matthews, Tom Gilrowski, Ken Carlin, Denny Madera. **KNEELING:** Don Maddack, Richard Snodgrass, Jim Lowe, Dick Knauer, John Nemith.

Letterman's Club Promotes Sportsmanship

This is a club set up for those boys who earn a major letter in any sport. A boy who gets his letter pledges himself to the purposes of the club. These are to promote sportsmanship, to interest other students in athletics and to maintain a high standard of athletics in the school.

The boys were busy with various projects to raise money for the Score Board Fund. They sold refreshments at home basketball and football games and sponsored several dances.

The Senior members received their jackets after much waiting and speculation on when they would arrive. Other members received sweaters.

With their sponsor, Coach Engelhart, the boys had a good time and a very successful year.



Bob Cook, *sergeant-at-arms*; Dick Knauer, *historian*; Jim Lowe, *president*; Richard Snodgrass, *secretary*; Don Maddack, *v.-president*; John Nemith *treasurer*.



Bob Meyer, *treasurer*; Delbert Deuberry, *sgt. at arms*; George Feczko, *v.-president*; Art Richa, *president*; Mr. Motts, *sponsor*; Dick Vlasic, *secretary*.

Having their dance, going to Standard Oil Refinery and building projects, kept the members of the Science Club busy throughout the year. The dance was very successful and there was enjoyment gained out of going to the oil refinery. The members were given souvenirs of the refinery and learned something about the production of oil.

Several members built projects and exhibited them at the Science Fair. Many assembled projects for scholarships also. President Art Richa was helped out by George Feczko, v.-president; Dick Vlasic, secretary; Bob Meyer, treasurer and Delbert Deuberry, *sgt. at arms*. Mr. Motts, the sponsor, was always on hand to give advice.

The former Camera Club was combined into the Science Club and thus made the club one of the biggest in the school. The purpose of the club is to create an interest in science among students and to help those who are interested in science.

Activities Keep Future Einsteins Busy





STANDING: Mr. Conner. *ROW I:* C. Miller, J. Lowe, G. Clements, A. Szal, Z. Sukel, S. Jewell, L. Hill. *ROW II:* B. Vickroy, S. Linkhart, J. Tonk, K. Rimer. *ROW III:* M. Lonsbury, M. Guse, C. Day, S. Engelhart, S. Black, B. Purkey, B. Russell, J. Sobat, P. Mikula, B. Talaga, J. Scott, P. Rimer.

First Honor Society Established

Merrillville's first honor society came into being this year with the inauguration of the National Thespian Society under the direction of W. Vernon Conner. The Society is an honor society for students who have performed outstanding work in the dramatic arts.

Some of the basic requirements for membership include the appearance of a student in a major role, appearance in at least three acts of a play, or to speak at least 70 lines in one act. Members of the stage and lighting crews also were admitted depending upon the number of productions on which they assisted. Around 23 members were in the club at the end of the year, with 17 of those being charter members.

Mr. Conner, *sponsor*; Karin Rimer, *secretary*; Bob Vickroy, *v.-president*; Suzie Linkhart, *treasurer*; Jack Tonk, *president*.





Pep Club Boosts School Spirit

The year 1956-7 was an active one for the Pep Club. For the first time in the history of the organization members were required to pay dues. The money collected went toward the purchase of shakers to be used by rooters at the game. Club members sat in a special section at all football and basketball games and aided the cheerleaders by encouraging everyone to cheer.

Since the club was organized in 1952 it has been one of the strongest in the school. Members pledge themselves to encourage loyalty and boost school spirit. Over 150 girl students belong to the club.



Merrillville's Pep Band



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: Beverly Brechner, Ginny Smith, Kay Mc Cracken, and Karin Rimer.



RESERVE CHEERLEADERS: Johlyn Charles, Dianne Wilburn, Pat Rimer, and Sharon Engelhart.

Cheerleaders Back Team

This year's teams were backed by these peppy girls, Kay Mc Cracken, Karin Rimer, Ginny Smith, and Beverly Brechner, who served as Varsity cheerleaders. Two of the girls, Kay Mc Cracken and Karin Rimer, have been cheering all four years of high school. Ginny Smith has done a nice job of cheering in her last two years, and Beverly Brechner, a Junior, has been cheering for three years. The Reserve teams were backed by Sharon Engelhart, Johlyn Charles, Pat Rimer, and Dianne Wilburn.

V. Smith, K. Mc Cracken, J. Charles, S. Engelhart, K. Rimer, P. Rimer, D. Wilburn, B. Brechner.

Kay, Ginny, Karin, Beverly.





Choir

D. Eich, N. Hathaway, J. Worley, D. Sears, J. Sandlin, J. Adams, B. Bascom, J. Orrell, P. Shoup, C. Smith, P. Hornak, M. Rogers, J. Scott, L. Viers, L. Hasley, P. Rimer, B. Nix, J. Reed, C. Wilson, M. Welches, S. Sanders, M. Glanis, J. Cantrall, J. Charles, J. Clark, J. Wells, S. Shepitka, D. Shebat, K. Pagel, M. Rhodes, Y. Peterson, C. Palmer, L. Appleton, E. Williams, J. Baner, L. Beatty, F. Hollenbaugh, L. Hein, H. Struble, E. Backe, P. Jergens, B. Buhr, J. Friedlund, D. Henderson, M. Brugus, R. White, B. Woods.

Sharon Shepitka, *librarian*; Yvonne Peterson, *v.-president*; Marcia Rogers, *secretary*; Mary Ann Uremovich, *treasurer*; Pat Rimer, *librarian*; Judy Scott, *president*.



Senior Choir



ROW I: K. Rastovski, N. Johnston, S. Piskor, B. Felinski, J. Bonick. ROW II: J. Groza, D. Roos, A. Nuzzo. ROW III: D. Gust, C. Peruts, J. Mascher, J. Keaton. ROW IV: B. Stahler, S. Rose, S. Kelly, J. Thompson, B. Wencel. ROW V: S. Clodfelder, J. Mascher, K. McCracken, K. Blocker, B. Brown. ROW VI: J. Scott, S. Prusinski, C. Horst, A. Williams, K. Milobar. ROW VII: B. Nix, L. Hoskins, J. Dean, B. Johnson, D. Hunter. ROW VIII: C. Massey, T. Gilrowski, B. Fratzke, E. Wise. ROW IX: D. Razus, R. Sullivan, A. McFadden. ROW X: D. O'Brien, G. Hull, B. Niles, G. Christiansen. ROW XI: Bob Scott, T. Lemaich, R. Harbit, B. Meyer. ROW XII: D. Lunsford, B. Jennings, D. Clauson.



Ellen Wise, *treasurer*; Darlene Hunter, *secretary*; Barbara Felinski, *librarian*; Tom Gilrowski, *tenor representative*; Karen Blocker, *v.-president*; Don Lunsford, *president*.



Band Again Proves Best In Area

Hard work, concentration, extra rehearsals, and perfection in details were common terms used daily by the members of the concert and marching band. The Merrillville band became well-noted for an organization that was hard working and played a great part in building school spirit.

The 40-piece marching band, under the well-trained leadership of drum major, Robert Vickroy, once again proved themselves to be the best marching unit in this part of the state. Not only did they perform for all home football games but also provided a pep band for all away games.

At the state marching contest which was held at our high school football field on October 13, the band for the second year in succession topped all bands in marching and also received the "most outstanding playing award."

Twelve graduating seniors were especially proud of the band achievements, because this year marked the second year in succession that they won every contest in which they participated.



Drum Major Bob Vickroy

Programs and Contests Keep Concert Band Busy



Left to Right: Sharon Evers, secretary; Beverly Purkey, president; Jim Cozmanoff, vice-president; and George Feczko, treasurer.

During the month of January, members were kept busy preparing for their annual winter concert held January 24, which was succeeded by their solo and ensemble contests on February 2.

The band then continued concentrated work in preparing for their spring concert which was a great success, and the state concert playing contest which was held at Griffith on April 13.

Even though the band played for many various community functions, their favorite pastime seemed to have been playing polkas for a certain faculty member.

There were 48 band members under the instruction of Mr. Frank Meltzer in the school year of 1956-57. Beverly Purkey was the President; Jim Cozmanoff, Vice-President; Sharon Evers, Secretary; and George Feczko, Treasurer.

N. Gullic, B. Horner, S. Holdeman, N. Wagoner, L. Day, C. Vickroy, J. Bonick, A. Schultz, D. Delor, R. Madas, S. Hiller, B. Sumner, B. Vickroy, B. Purkey, S. Evers, K. Patton, J. Loggie, K. Milobar, T. Shotliff, D. Kent, L. Hill, C. Appleton, J. Cozmanoff, E. Gabor, N. Garwood, P. Horner, G. Feczko, S. Clodfelder, C. Fortier, T. Morfee, G. Moore, C. Miller, D. O'Brien, B. Gabor, J. Lehman, L. Temple, B. Sherwood, L. Willis, P. Ballestero, T. Brown, J. Marando, R. Zuccolotto.



Paper "Mates"

This year, the Journalism class was supervised by a new teacher, Mr. Marcel Pacatte. Suzie Black served as Editor in Chief, and did a very nice job getting the paper organized and ready for the presses. Jack Tonk wrote up all of the Sports copy for the MIRROR. The Business Manager was Averill Thompson and was assisted by Roberta Rosenbaum. The paper was distributed bi-weekly and the staff worked hard all year, getting news, typing stencils, and assembling the MIRROR for distribution on Friday afternoons.



Suzie Black, Editor in Chief; Mr. Pacatte, Advisor.



Jack Tonk, sports editor; Connie Peruts, and Bill Sukel.



Shirley Piskor, Angie Nuzzo; mimeographers.

Ginny Smith, Susie Linkhart, Karin Rimer, Roberta Rosenbaum, Nancy Morrow, Pat Pudlow, Averill Thompson; typists.



Journalism class.



Karin Rimer, Editor in Chief; Donna Roos, Asst. Editor.

Journalism Class Assembles Merrillvue



Suzie Linkhart, asst. sports editor; Ginny Smith, photography editor; Jack Tonk, sports editor.

Besides the school paper, the journalism class also put out the yearbook. Layout, picture cropping, and variety in photography were the main problems confronting the journalism class as they worked to beat the monthly deadlines.

The photographer visited as many school events as possible during the year in order to present a cross-section of class work, club, sports and social activities.

Karin Rimer was Editor in Chief of the 1956-57 edition of the MERRILLVUE, and Donna Roos was Asst. Editor. Ginny Smith served as Photography Editor and worked hard printing the pictures. Jack Tonk was in charge of sports and was assisted by Suzie Linkhart.

DEPARTMENT HEADS: Betty Brown, copy; Shirley Piskor, music; Janet Dean, copy; Sharon Prusinski, activities; Averill Thompson, clubs; Angie Nuzzo, seniors.



Extra-Curricular Activities

Basketball holds winter lime-light.



Cheering the team...

Letterman jackets add to school fashions.



Winter holds Christmas spirit.

Add to School Life

Barb Smith and Kent
Borrmann, sock hop win-
ners.



Fast movement in the
halls.



...On to victory

Bill Boris and Pat Single, Ken
Carlin and Pat Rimer, dance con-
test winners.



Scenes Around the School



It's supervision that counts.



Watch the fenders.



And the Sophomores were proud too



Trying again??

Prom site.



Art students active.



Juniors show off rings.



Noontime dancers.



ATHLETICS



On the Field . . .



On the Bench . . .



It Was a Busy Season



And On the Sidelines



When head coach, Richard Demaree, called his pig-skin toughies together, he saw that the team would be light in weight, but heavy in spirit and determination. The Pirates were expected to have only a fair season, but the team showed just what team work can do. They worked as a unit and wound up with 6 wins and 4 losses, much better than expected.

The Leaders



The three coaches who led the boys, Coach John Stefeck, Head Coach Richard Demaree, Line Coach Don Patz.

The Managers

These boys had the job of keeping track of equipment and such, Jack Tonk and Steve Marsalek.



The Boys



FIRST ROW: D. King, G. Harding, H. Byerly, R. Snodgrass, D. Knauer, D. Maddack, L. Bihlman, H. Wegman, P. Suroweic. *SECOND ROW:* D. Mays, T. Gilrowski, J. Nemeth, B. Fratske, M. Sullivan, G. Clements, R. Pessmeg, J. Shapley, D. Razus, B. Matthews, W. Craig, B. Kanuch, S. Jewell. *THIRD ROW:* Coach Don Patz, Manager S. Marsalek, K. Benson, J. Cozmanoff, R. Lewis, C. Chetnik, D. Bartos, A. Richa, J. Deppe, J. Coster, B. Cook, R. Harbit, J. Lowe, S. Sheets, Coach Rich Demaree, Manager J. Tonk.



Captains, D. Knauer, J. Lowe, B. Cook.



Bob Cook, F.B.

Dick Knauer, R.H.

John Nemeth, Q.B.

Harold Byerly, R.G.



Touchdowns, Fieldgoals, and Safeties

Minus two of their first string players, Merrillville lost their opening game, 21-6, to the Eagles of East Gary. Merrillville's lone touchdown came in the second quarter when Jim Lowe threw a five yard pass to John Nemeth. East Gary scored touchdowns in the second and third periods and made all of their extra points. This was also the Pirates first loss in the Calumet Conference.

In their next game, the Pirates started a four game winning streak by defeating Portage, 18-7. The score could have been higher since Merrillville had several touchdowns called back. One of these was an 80 yard kickoff return by Don Maddack. Highlight of the night was a 60 yard pass interception by Dick Knauer who took it into the end zone for a quick six points.

In their third game, Merrillville sidetracked old rival Crown Point, 19-14. The score was tied 7-7 at the half, but the Pirates capitalized on a Crown Point fumble of a punt and proceeded to score the winning points in the last half. This was sweet revenge since the Pirates lost to Crown Point last year by five points.

Merrillville then journeyed to Lowell to battle for the Golden Football. The Pirates gained possession of the football as they downed the Red Devils, 26-6.



Jim Lowe, L.H. & E.

Rich Snodgrass, L.G.

Jim Cozmanoff, R.T.

Don Maddack, R.H.



Don Bartos, L.E.





Art Richa, L.T.

Bryant Matthews, E.

John Deppe, C.

Rich Harbit, F.B.



Tom Gilrowski, Q.B.

In the second annual Homecoming, the Pirates gave an example of their second half strength, as they smothered Griffith, 32-6. The Pirates collected 26 of these points in the last half. The Pirates carried the ball for an amazing 305 yards, and threw the ball for 125 yards. Don Maddack had a very good night as he scored 13 points and carried the mail for 159 yards. This was the first victory for the Pirates in their annual Homecoming game.

In their next game, the Pirates lost to Wirt for their second conference loss, 24-13. Merrillville just couldn't seem to get their offense rolling as they made only 146 total yards. It was the same story the following week when powerful Hobart downed the Pirates, 55-14. Hobart was ranked in the state and showed their power that night.

Second of the two upsets the Pirates enjoyed, was beating Gary Edison, 18-8. The Pirates were down 8-6 at the half, but scored 12 points in the third quarter to knock Edison into what wound up to be a three way tie for first place in the Conference. Stand-out of the game was Don Bartos' ability to catch passes even though surrounded by opponents.

Merrillville then played an Illinois school, Crete-Monee, and defeated them 27-6. Even though the difference in points was great, the game was still a very exciting one.

Henry Wegman, T.



Don Razus, L.T.

Garry Clements, L.H.

Gary Harding, T.

The Pirate's line was always in their opponents backfield.





Ron Pessmeg, R.T.



Joe Shapley, T.

Dick Knauer led the Pirate attack on the ground with 100 yards. Don Bartos led the Pirate scoring attack with 13 points.

Their last game is one the Pirates will never forget, although they wish they could. Dyer upset Merrillville, 13-7. This prevented the Pirates from gaining a tie in the conference. The Pirates had two touchdowns called back, one on a 85 yard run by Bob Cook after he caught a Dyer fumble in mid-air. Another was an 8 yard run by Jim Lowe. Merrillville was always trying hard as can be seen by the total yards. Merrillville had 242 yards to Dyer's 243. It was a close and exciting game to end a successful season.

Through the whole season the Pirates scored 180 points to their opponents 160. They chalked up 2774 yards against 2142 yards by their opponents. Jim Lowe was leading scorer with 59 points and followed by Don Bartos who scored 56. Don Maddack was the leading ground gainer with 534 yards. Dick Knauer had the best average per carry with an 11.6 average. The Pirates placed two boys on the All-Conference team; these being Don Bartos and Jim Lowe.

Kenny Benson, E.

Doug Mays, G.

Chester Chentnik, G.



Dalford King, E.



Jon Coster, E.

Bill Fratzke, R.H.

Larry Bihlman, L.H.

Was it clipping or a good block?



Line Plunges and Long Passes



Jim Lowe has plenty of teammates around him for plenty of protection.



The front line of Merrillville was always hard to move.



Dick "Fuzzy" Knauer, shows opponents his heels as he cuts loose for yardage.



With opponents being on the ground due to expert blocking, Jim Lowe easily steps through the crowd.



"Look out boys, have to make a touchdown now," is what Don Maddack seems to be saying as he heads for touchdown land.



The first eleven on offense.



The first eleven on defense.

Future Prospects and Hopeful Players



FIRST ROW: T. Feczko, F. Ott, D. Clements, B. Goss, M. Brugos, B. Padonvich, T. Shotliff, J. Wojhan, D. Tonk. *SECOND ROW:* B. Jeffery, T. Davis, A. Szal, B. Thomas, J. Wiggins, R. Sader, M. Gill, L. Mack, R. Demaree, L. Kasmerik. *THIRD ROW:* Coach Stefeck, J. Marando, B. Sherwood, M. Sullivan, R. Steiner, C. Mullen, G. Cook, S. Sheets, B. Kanuch, P. Suroweic, S. Jewell, W. Craig.

With the writing of this story, the Little Pirates basketball squad had a record of four wins and eight losses. This is perhaps a far cry from last year's Reserve record of 17 wins and only three losses; but that was a feat hard to duplicate. Many of the Little Pirates losses were close scores and several by one point. Under the capable coaching of coach Bill Metcalf, the Reserve team has shown much sign of promise which Varsity coach Ed Englehart can look forward to with eagerness.

The Pirates Reserve team, under the capable coaching of Coach John Stefeck, didn't have an exactly successful season, but showed some sign of talent and promise. The Little Pirates won three games and were set back five times. The Little Pirates wound up their season with three straight wins. The Reserves had a big line and a speedy backfield which couldn't get working together until the last three games. The importance of a strong Reserve team is obvious. The strength of the Varsity depends solely on how strong and well-coached the Reserve squad is.



FRONT ROW: B. Fratzke, T. Gilrowski, D. Kent, R. Damaree, K. Borrmann, C. Massey. *SECOND ROW:* D. Tonk, Manager; D. Appleton, D. Timmons, R. Gifford, C. Mullen, S. Jewell, H. Shrout, Manager; Coach Bill Metcalf.

Jump Shots and Rebounds



FIRST ROW: B. Cook, D. Maddack, J. Lowe, R. Snodgrass, B. Vickroy. *SECOND ROW:* J. Tonk manager, D. Lunsford manager, D. Metcalf, D. Bartos, P. Gransinger, J. Massengill, Ed Englehart, Coach.



Managers: Don Lunsford, John Senko, Harvey ShROUT, Dave Tonk, Jack Tonk.

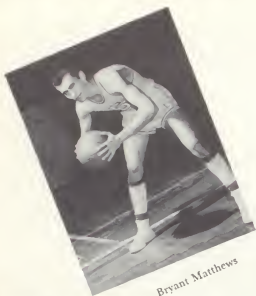


The coaches, Head Coach Ed Englehart and Assistant Coach Bill Metcalf.

Backboards, Rims, and Nets

At the beginning of the basketball season, Coach Englehart said that with team spirit and determination, the Pirates could have a very successful season. The boys showed their spirit and determination as they won 12 and lost only three at this writing. So far in the season, the Pirates had scored 1030 points to their opponents 935. Don Bartos led the Pirates at this stage with 341 points and a 22.8 points per game average. Dave Metcalf followed with 212 points and an average of 14.3 points per game. On a whole the Pirates averaged 68.7 points a game and their opponents 62.3 for the 15 games.

Fouls and Free Throws



Bryant Matthews



Don Bartos



Jim Lowe



Go! Team! Go!



Dave Metcalf



Pete Gransinger



Jerry Massengill

Hardwood and Hard Benches



Dick Snodgrass



Bob Cook



Don Maddack



Bill Fratzke



Tom Gilrowski



Bob Vickroy

Plenty of Pep and Lots of Noise



Pete Gransinger goes up for the ball as Bryant Matthews (5) and Dave Metcalf (13) look on in anticipation.



Don Bartos cashing in his record fortieth point.



Looks like Jim Lowe was fouled on this one.



"Got it! Now what to do with it?" Don Bartos seems to be saying.



Don Bartos (20), Pete Gransinger (4), and Dave Metcalf (13), sure want that ball.



It's two for Pete Gransinger as Don Bartos (20) is ready for a tip-in.



Everybody was glad Don Bartos was able to set a new record.

Base Hits and Fly Outs



FIRST ROW: Rich Musitelli, Jack Brennan, Rich Snodgrass, Bill Fratzke, Tom Gilrowski. *SECOND ROW:* Don Maddack, Jim Lowe, Don Bartos, Dave Metcalf, Cliff Massey, Coach Bill Metcalf.

Baseballs, Bats, and Gloves

With the crack of the first hit, Merrillville was off and running for the Conference title. They didn't reach their goal, but put up a fine battle trying for it as they won five, lost four and tied one. The Pirates scored 52 times and had a total of 99 hits. The team batting average was .232. Jim Lowe led the Pirates in the hitting department with 21 base hits while stepping up to the plate 45 times for a .467 batting average. Don Bartos was next with a .313 average getting 15 hits in 48 trips to the plate. Six returning lettermen graced this year's roster with only five being lost through graduation.



All-Conference players Jim Lowe and Don Bartos.

Manager Harvey ShROUT and Coach Bill Metcalf.



Starting Line and Finish Tape



FIRST ROW: D. Knauer, D. Bodkin, H. Byerly, R. Sherrington, G. Clements, D. Madera. *SECOND ROW:* C. Hart, Manager, N. Shaffner, C. Appleton, B. Murray, D. Kent, M. Mehr, J. Cozmanoff, R. Snodgrass, K. Carlin, B. Jeffery, B. Kanuch, S. Jewell. *THIRD ROW:* D. Metcalf, C. Mullen, D. Clawson, D. Lunsford, A. McFadden, R. Harbit, B. Cook, J. Lowe, D. Maddack, J. Shapley, Manager, Coach John Stefeck.

Runners, Hurdlers, and Jumpers

For the first time in several years, Merrillville had a track team and the records came tumbling down. Harold Byerly, Garry Clements, Denny Madera, Dave Bodkin, and Ron Sherrington all broke the previous school records. Harold Byerly set a new school record in the mile run with 5:03 record breaking run. Dave Bodkin, Denny Madera, Ron Sherrington and Garry Clements set a new record in the 880 relay with a 1:38.7 clocking. Denny Madera holds two records in the high and low hurdles. Ten boys earned a major letter in track. They are: Harold Byerly, Garry Clements, Richard Harbit, Denny Madera, Ron Sherrington, Rich Snodgrass, Dave Bodkin, Kenny Carlin, and Stuart Jewell. They did this by scoring at least 20 points or by placing in the Calumet Conference Meet. Dave Bodkin led the Pirate thinclads with 78 $\frac{3}{4}$ points. Denny Madera followed close behind with 71 $\frac{1}{4}$ and Garry Clements and Harold Byerly collected 57 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ points respectively. The Pirates didn't win a meet last year, but with all ten lettermen returning for another season, the outlook was good.



The 880 relay team that set a new school record of 1:38.7. Dave Bodkin, Denny Madera, Ron Sherrington, Garry Clements.

Hurdles and Starting Blocks



The holder of the new school mile run record is Harold Byerly. Harold was clocked at 5:03 for the distance. Harold also tallied 29½ points and placed first in the mile run in the Reserve Meet.



Garry Clements had a fine season as he tied the school record for the 440 and was on the 880 relay team that set the new school record of 1:38.7. Garry earned a letter as he scored 57¼ points.

Sprinters and Milers



Denny Madera is the proud holder of three school records. He was on the record breaking 880 relay team, holds the 120 yard high hurdle record of 18.2 seconds and 180 low hurdle record of 23 seconds.



Dave Bodkin was rated as an all-around man by coach Stefeck. Dave participated in the 100 and 200 yard dash, shot put, broad jump, high jump, and the 880 relay. Dave was the individual high scorer with 78⅝ points.



Rich Harbit, Stuart Jewell, Rich Snodgrass, and Kenny Carlin comprised the mile relay team.

Hills and Harriers



K. Borrmann, R. Sherrington, R. Cooper, D. Kent, J. Massengill, C. Macy, D. Metcalf, B. Vickroy, R. Musitelli, D. Timmons, P. Gransinger.

Distance, Time, and Endurance



Coach Englehart clocks Kent Borrmann, Doug Kent, Rich Cooper, and Dave Metcalf across the finishing line.

During the football season, most eyes are turned towards the football gridiron. But there is another sport in the pigskin season for boys who do not participate in football. This sport is the sport of Cross-Country. The idea of the sport is to run over a course of two miles in the least amount of time. The boy who comes in first is given one point. The boys who is second two, the third boy three, and so on down the line. The team with the least amount of points wins the meet. Although the Pirates didn't win a meet, they placed fifth in the Calumet Conference Meet. Kent Borrmann most frequently led the Pirates in, although he never led all of the boys in.

Woods and Irons



Senior players John Johnson, Pete Gransinger, and Ralph Backe examine their tools of the fairway.

Pars, Birdies, and Eagles

Due to popular demand, Merrillville was able to form its first golf team in the school history. Though about only seven boys formed the nucleus of last years squad, more than 30 boys signed up for the team at the beginning of this school year. Mr. Meltzer and Mr. Wichmanowski were the sponsors of the team and helped to make it a success in its first year here.



Mr. Wichmanowski, sponsor, Eddie Backe, Carl Macy, Pete Gransinger, John Johnson, Barry Stowers, and Ralph Backe.



**So Ends the Story of Sports . . .
At Merrillville**

SENIORS





The Doors of a New World

HAROLD BYERLY "Tex" Jr. Hi-Y 1,2, Treas.
1; Speech 3; Science Club 4; Lettermans 4;
Band 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 3,4; Baseball
2

PATRICIA RUTH CALHOUN "Pat" FHA 1,2,
3; SSS 4; Pep Club 4

JOAN CANTER "Joanie" SSS 3,4; FHA 1,2,
FTA 4

SHIRLEY KAY CANTRALL Princeton High
School 1,2,3; SSS 4

RICHARD CASASSA "Rich" Jr. Hi-Y 1,2;
Senior Hi-Y 3,4 Indus. Arts Club 3,4

GLENN CHRISTIANSEN "Christie" Science
Club 1,2,4; Senior Hi-Y 3; Junior Hi-Y 1,2;
Speech 4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play.





WALT ASHTON "*Tink*" Latin Club 2; Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3; Student Council 4.

RALPH BACKE Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Golf Team 3,4.

JOSEPH BARBERCHECK "*Joe*" Speech Club 1; Choir 1.

DONALD BARTOS "*Don*" Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4, reporter 4; Lettermans Club 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Honorable Mention 3; Baseball 2, 3,4, All Conference 3; Football 1,2,3,4, All Conference 4.

SUZANNE BLACK "*Suzie*" Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Latin Club 2; FHA 1; SSS 2,3,4; GAA 1,2,3,4, secretary; National Thespian Society; Girl's Conference, v. president 3, president 4; Class Officer 2; Jr. Play; Mirror Staff 1,4, Editor in Chief 4; Annual Staff 4.

KAREN BLOCKER "*Sam*" Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1; GAA 1,2,3,4, sgt. at arms 3; SSS 2,3,4; Choir 4, v. president 4; Jr. Play, Bus. Mgr.; Class Officer 4; D.A.R.

JANET LEE BONICK "*Jan*" GAA 2; Pep Club 2,3; Band 2,3,4; Choir 4; Tolleston High School 1.

WILLIAM BORIS "*Bill*" Sr. Hi-Y 4; Speech 4; Track 4; Tolleston 1,2,3.

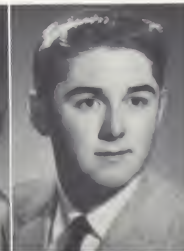
JACK BRENNAN "*Rabbit*" Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Baseball 3,4.

LOIS JEAN BROADAWAY "*Louie*" GAA 1; Camera Club 2; Glee Club 2; Latin Club 3,4.

BETTY BROWN "*Bet*" Pep Club 1; GAA 1; SSS 1,2,3,4; FTA 3,4, president 4; Choir 1,2,3, 4, Octet 4; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4.

THELMA BROWN Hobart 1,2,3; FTA 4; Band 4.

Were Open to Us . . .



GARRY CLEMENTS "*Clem*" Science 1; Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3; Camera Club 2; Lettermans Club 4; Indus. Arts Club 3; Speech 3; Track 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play.

SHARON GENE CLODFELDER "*Sherry*" FHA 1,2,3,4; FTA 4, Librarian 4; SSS 2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Choir 2,3,4.

ROBERT COOK "*Red*" Lettermans 4, Sgt. at Arms 4; Jr. Hi-Y 1,2, Sgt. at Arms 2; Sr. Hi-Y 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 3; Track 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Honorable Mention 4.

JON COSTER "*Webb*" Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Camera Club 1; Science 1; Indus. Arts Club 3; Football 1,2,3,4.

GLENDIA CROLEY SSS 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; FTA 3.

SARA DAVIS GAA 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4.



Fate and Temptations





Challenged Us . . .



CAROL DAY "*Gabby*" SSS 2,3,4; FTA 3,4; Songleader 3,4; Glee Club 1,2; Choir 1,2,3,4; Librarian 3; Octet 2,4.

JANET DEAN "*Deanie*" SSS 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 2; FTA 3,4; Pep Club 1,2; Choir 1,2,3,4; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4.

JOHN DEPPE "*J. D.*" Hobart High School 1, 2,3; Senior Hi-Y 4; Lettermans 4; Baseball 4; Football 4.

DELBERT DEUBERRY "*Delois*" Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Science 4, Sgt. at Arms 4; Speech 4; Choir 1,2,3. WESLEY DEYOUNG "*Wes*" Jr. Hi-Y 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4.

JAMES ELSNER "*Jim*" Speech 3,4; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Camera 2; Science 1.

SANDRA ECKERT "*Sandy*" Science 1,2; Latin 2,3,4; FHA 1; Band 1,2.

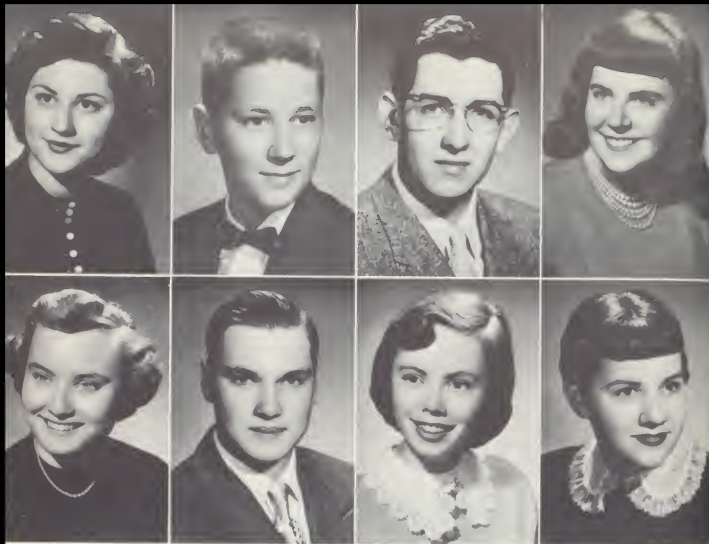
SHARON EVERS "*Sharon Faye*" SSS 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4, Sec. 4; Class Treas. 4; FHA 1; GAA 1,2,3,4, Reporter 4.

GEORGE ROBERT FECZKO "*Butch*" Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Science Club 1,2,3,4, v. pres. 4; Band 1,2,3,4, Treas. 4.

CLIFFORD FORTIER "*Cliff*" Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Science 1,2,3; Band 1,2,3,4.

STEVE FRANKO "*Spike*" Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4.

PHYLLIS FUDGE "*Phyll*" GAA 1,2,3,4; FTA 3,4, V. Pres. 4; FHA 1,2; Speech 3,4; Pep Club 3; Glee Club 1,2; Choir 1,2; Jr. Play.



But As the Time

ELEANOR HARGER "*Ellie*" FHA 1,2; SSS 1, 2,3,4.

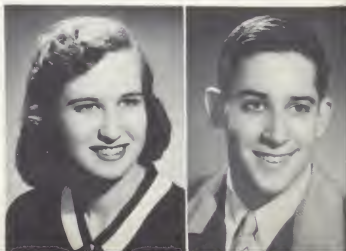
JOHN W. HASLEY "*Skip*" Jr. Hi-Y 1; Science Club 2,3,4.

NANCY LOUISE HILBRICK GAA 1,2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; HA 3,4.

MARGARET HORNER "*Peggy*" SSS 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; GAA 1,2,3; Band 1,2,3,4.

CAROLE JOE HORST Pep Club 1,2,3,4; GAA 1,2,3,4; SSS 1,2; Speech 3,4; Choir 4.

GLEN WENDELL HULL "*Fred*" Sr. Hi-Y 4; Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Speech 4; Choir 1,3,4.





ELINORE JOAN GABOR Band 2,3,4; GAA 1, 2; SSS 4; Glee Club 1,2.

ROBERT JAMES GABOR "*Gabe*" Jr. Hi-Y 1, 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Science 2,4; Camera 1; FTA 3; Band 2,3,4.

LARRY GIACOMINI Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3; Latin Club 2; Science 4.

JANET GIERTZ "*Gertie*" FHA 1,2,3,4; SSS 3, 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4.

PETER GRANSINGER "*Pete*" Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Cross Country 2,4; Basketball 1, 2,3,4.

DONNA GUST "*Gussie*" FHA 1; SSS 1,2,3,4; GAA 2,3,4, Pres. 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Latin 2; Choir 4; Jr. Play; Homecoming Queen Court; Prom Queen Court; Athletic Queen Candidate 3.

GERALDINE HALFMAN "*Gerrie*"

LAWRENCE E. HALFMAN "*Larry*"

EUNICE HALSTED Choir 1,2; SSS 1,2,3,4; GAA 2.

PATRICIA HALSTED "*Pat*" Pep Club 4; SSS 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2.

RENEE HALSTED Pep 1,2,3,4; GAA 1,2,3,4; FHA 1; SSS 2,3,4; Speech 3; Student Council 2; Band 1,2,3,4; Class Treas. 2.

RICHARD HARBIT "*Rich*" Sr. Hi-Y 3,4, Sgt. at Arms 4; Jr. Hi-Y 1,2, Pres. 2; Lettermans 4; Student Council 2,3,4; Choir 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3, V. Pres. 3; Jr. Play; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 3,4.



Passed on . . .



ROBERT JENNINGS "Bob" Camera Club 1,2;
Science Club 4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play.

BONITA LEE JOHNSON "Bonnie" SSS 1,2,3,
4; Glee Club 1,2; Pep Club 1; Choir 4.

JOHN PHILIP JOHNSON Sr. Hi-Y 3; Jr.
Hi-Y 1,2; Science Club 4; Latin Club 2; Golf
Team 4.

NANCY JOHNSTON SSS 1,2,3,4; FTA 3,4,
Pres. 3; GAA 1; Student Council 3,4; Choir
1,2,3,4; Class Officer 3; Class President 4.

JO ANN KEATON "Joni" GAA 1,2,3,4; Pep
Club 1,2,3,4; SSS 1,2,3,4; Choir 3,4, Librarian
4; Jr. Play.

SHARON LYNN KELLY Choir 4; SSS 1,2,3,4;
GAA 1,2; Pep Club 1,2; Glee Club 1,2.



The Desire to Learn





Grew Stronger . . .



JAMES RICHARD KNAUER "Fuzzy" Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4, Pres. 4; Lettermans Club 4, Historian 4; Class Pres. 1; Student Council 1,3; Track 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4, Captain 4, Honorable Mention 4.

THOMAS LEMAICH Football 1; Choir 4; Junior Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Speech 4.

JOYCE MARIE LEWIS "Joy" GAA 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 2.

SUZANNE CLAIRE LINKHART "Suzie" GAA 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; SSS 2,3,4; FHA 1; Latin Club 2; Class Sec. 4; Jr. Play; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4, Asst. Sports Ed. 4; Homecoming Queen Court; National Thespian Society 4, Treas. 4.

JAMES WELDON LOWE "Jas" Student Council 2,3; Class Sec. 1; Class Pres. 3; Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4, Sec. 4; Lettermans Club 4, Pres. 4; National Thespian Society 4; Prom King Candidate 3; Mr. Football 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Captain 4; All-Conference 4; Baseball 2,3,4; All-Conference 2,3; Track 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play.

DONALD LEE LUNSFORD "Link" Student Council 4; Choir 1,3,4, Pres. 4; Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4, Treas. 4; Football 1; Track 3,4; Prom King.

DENNY JOSEPH MADERA "Dan" Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Lettermans Club 4; Track 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Speech 4.

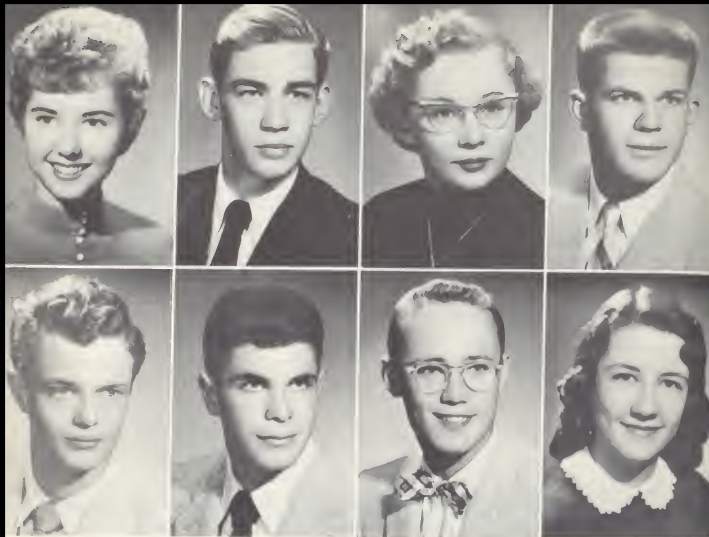
DONALD MADDACK "Don" Lettermans Club 4; V. Pres. 4; Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Student Council 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; Track 3,4.

ALLAN MANCE "Al" Lew Wallace 1,2,3.

RUDY MANCE "Rod" Lew Wallace 1,2,3.

JANICE MASCHER "Jan" GAA 1,2,3; Latin Club 2; Pep Club 3; Choir 1,4; SSS 4.

JUDITH MASCHER "Judy" GAA 1,2,3; Latin Club 2; Pep Club 3; Choir 1,4; SSS 4.



At Times the Road

JOHN DANIEL NEMETH—Jr. Hi-Y 1,2, V. Pres. 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4, V. Pres. 4; Lettermans 4, Treas. 4; Football 1,2,3,4, Honorable Mention 4; Mr. Football 4.

BONNIE NIX—"Nixy"—GAA 1,2; Pep Club 2,3,4; SSS 1,4; Choir 4; Calumet High School 1.

ANGELINE MARIE NUZZO—"Angie"—Foebel 1,2; Speech Club 3,4; Choir 4; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4.

ALAN OLSON—"Bert"—Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4.

JUDITH ORRELL—"Judy"—SSS 1,2,3,4; FHA 1; GAA 2,3; Pep Club 3,4; Choir 1,2.

CONSTANCE PERUTS—"Connie"—SSS 1,2,3; GAA 1,2,3,4; Speech 4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Student Council 2,3; Choir 3,4; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4; Athletic Queen Candidate 1.





KAY McCracken—SSS 2,3,4; GAA 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1; Choir 3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Prom Queen Court; Homecoming Queen.

ALLAN McFadden—Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Speech 4; Choir 1,2,3,4.

MARLENE RAE MELLE—"Mousie"—GAA 1, 2,3,4; FHA 3; SSS 2; Pep Club 1,2,3; Band 1,2,3.

DAVID P. METCALF—"Dave"—Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Chaplain 4; Lettermans 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 3,4; Track 3,4; Cross Country 2,3,4.

ROBERT L. MEYER—"Bob"—Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3; Speech 4; Science 2,3,4, Treas 4; Choir 3,4; Operetta 3.

LAURA M. MIDGETT—Pep Club 2,3,4; GAA 1,2,3,4; FHA 3,4. Sec. 4; Glee Club 2,3,4; SSS 1; Choir 1,2,3.

KENNETH MILLER—"Kenny"—Camera 1; Science Club 2,3; Band 1,2,3,4.

ROBERT JOSEPH MINNITI—"B. J."—Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Speech 4; Football 2,3.

THOMAS N. MONFORT—"Tom"—Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Jr. Hi-Y 1,2, Sec. 2; Latin Club 1,2; Football 1,2.

NANCY MORROW—"Nanny Low"—GAA 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; SSS 1,2,3,4; FHA 1; Latin Club 2, Treas. 2; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4.

MEREDITH MUNDELL—"Mickey"—Lowell 1,2; Band 3,4.

RICHARD JAMES MUSITELLI—"Mus"—Speech 3,4; Latin Club 2,3,4; Football 2; Cross Country 4; Baseball 3,4.

Was Rough...



SHIRLEY PISKOR "*Shirl*" SSS 1,2,3,4; GAA 1,2,3,4, Sgt. at Arms 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Latin Club 2; Choir 3,4; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4.

SHARON PRUSINSKI "*Weed*" GAA 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; SSS 1,2; Choir 3,4; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4; Homecoming Queen Court; Prom Queen.

PATRICIA PUDLOW "*Pat*" GAA 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,3; Speech 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Latin Club 2; Jr. Play; Annual Staff 4; Mirror Staff 4.

BEVERLY PURKEY "*Purk*" SSS 1,2,3,4, Treas. 4; GAA 1,2,3,4, Treas. 4; Glee Club 1; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; National Thespian Society 4; Class Treasurer 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Jr. Play.

CATHERINE RASTOVSKI "*Cathy*" SSS 1,2; GAA 1,2; Glee Club 1,2; Pep Club 1,2,3; Choir 1,2,3,4.

DON RAZUS "*Bozo*" Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Football 2,3,4.



But Pleasures





Lined the Way...



ROBERT REEDY "Bob" Calumet Twp. High School 1; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4.

ART RICHA "Big Art" Science 1,2,3,4, sec. 2, 3, pres. 4; Letterman's Club 4; Basketball 1; Football 1,2,3,4.

KARIN RIMER Pep Club 1,2,3,4; SSS 1,2,3,4; GAA 1,2,3,4, songleader 3; Glee Club 1,2; Choir 1,2,3, librarian 2; Octet 2; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4, Editor in Chief 4; Athletic Queen Candidate 2; Prom Queen Court 3; Girl's State Alternate; Operetta 3; Junior Play; National Thespian Society 4, secretary 4; Cheerleader 1, 2,3,4.

NOELITA ROESSING Pep Club 1,2,3; GAA 1,2; FHA 3; SSS 4.

DONNA ROOS "Dody" Latin Club 2; GAA 1, 2,3,4; SSS 2,3,4, corresponding secretary 3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Choir 4; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4, Asst. Editor 4.

SANDRA ROSE "Sandy" Horace Mann 1,2; SSS 4; Choir 4.

ROBERTA ANN ROSENBAUM "Bobbi" Latin Club 2,3; GAA 1,2,3,4; FHA 1; FTA 3; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Camera Club 1,2; Speech 4; Glee Club 1,2; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4.

ANN MARIE SCHMIDT "Red"

BOB SCHUCK "Schnapps" Speech Club 4; Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3.

KATHLEEN SCHWAB "Kathy" FHA 1; SSS 2,3,4; GAA 1,2,3,4.

BOB SCOTT Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Science Club 2; Speech 4, sgt. at arms 4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3; Baseball 1,2; Basketball 1.

JOHN SENKO Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Latin Club 2; Student Council 1,2; Class President 2; Student Manager 2,3,4.



After Four Years

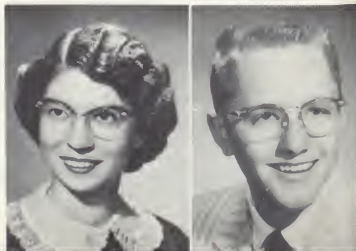
RUTH MAE TODD—Pep Club 1,2,4; FHA 1; SSS 1,2,3,4.

JACK TONK—Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3; Science 2,4; National Thespian Society 4, President 4; Student Council 4, Treasurer 4; Junior Play; Student Manager Football and Basketball 3,4; Mirror Staff 4, Sports Editor 4; Annual Staff 4, Sports Editor 4, Business Manager 4.

JUDITH VAN CLEAVE—"Judy"—SSS 1,2,3, 4; FHA 1; GAA 2.

FRANK VARELA—Jr. Hi-Y 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4. JACK WEHNER—"Sweeney"—Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Speech 4.

ARLENE WILLIAMS—"Randy"—Pep Club 1, 2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3; SSS 1,2; Speech 4; Student Council 1; Choir 3,4.





SHIRLEE SHEPITKA—"Fluffy"—FHA 1,2,3, 4; Songleader 2,3,4; SSS 1,2,3,4; Recording Sec. 2; V. Pres. 3; Pres. 4; FTA 3,4; Historian 3; Pep Club 1,2,3; Choir 1,2,3; Glee Club 1,2; GAA 1; Class V. Pres. 1; Class Sec. 2,3.

CLAIRE SHOUP—Choir 1,2; SSS 1,2,3,4; FHA 1; GAA 2,3; Pep Club 3,4.

BARBARA SMITH—"Barb"—GAA 1,2,3,4; Sgt. at Arms 4; FHA 1,2; Sgt. at Arms 2,3; Camera 2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Speech Club 3,4; Treas. 4; SSS 1,2.

BOB SMITH—"Smitty"—Science Club 2,3,4; Horace Mann 1.

VIRGINIA SMITH—"Ginny"—GAA 1,2,3,4; SSS 3,4; Pep 1,2,3,4; Class Treas. 1; Latin Club 2; Treas. 2; Cheerleader 3,4; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4; Photo. Ed. 4.

RICHARD SNODGRASS—"Dick"—Letterman's Club 4; Sec. 4; Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Track 3; Basketball 4; Student Council 3.

BARBARA STAHLER—"Bub"—Speech 4; Sgt. at Arms 4; GAA 1,2,3,4; Pep 1,2,3,4; SSS 2,3; Latin Club 2; Choir 3,4.

SUSAN STUCKER—"Sue"—SSS 1,2,3,4.

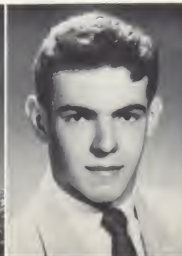
BILL SUKEL—"Bill"—Jr. Hi-Y 2; Latin Club 2,3,4; Sec. 3; Pres. 4; Speech Club 3,4; FTA 3,4; Parliamentarian 4; Asst. Director of Junior Play; Annual Staff 4; Mirror Staff 4; National Thespian Society.

RAYMOND SULLIVAN—"Sully"—Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Letterman's Club 4; Speech Club 4; Choir 1,2,4; Football 2,3,4.

AVERILL LEE THOMPSON—"Ave"—FHA 2; GAA 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Mirror Staff 4; Business Mgr. 4; Annual Staff 4.

BENNETT THORNTON—"Parrot"—Jr. Hi-Y 2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4.

Of Preparation . . .



PATRICIA JEAN WINROTTE "*Pat*" FHA 1,
2,3,4; SSS 1,2; Pep Club 1,2,3; Speech 4.
DAVID L. WOLFF "*Dave*"
BILL WOODS "*Woody*" Science 4; Jr. Hi-Y 1,
2; Sr. Hi-Y 3.
CHARLES YESTER "*Charlie*" Jr. Hi-Y 1,2;
Sr. Hi-Y 3,4.
MARGARET ANN YOUNG "*Margie*" Pep
Club 1,2,3,4; GAA 1,2,3,4; SSS 2,3; FHA 1;
Speech 4; Choir 3.



We Seniors Are Ready to Face the World.





Suzie Linkhart, Secretary; Karen Blocker, Vice-President; Sharon Evers, Treasurer; Mr. Motts, Sponsor; Nancy Johnston, President.

Senior Memories

Now as seniors, we have climbed to the top of the ladder of our high school years. We pause to look back over the past four wonderful years at Merrillville High School.

As freshmen our activity was attending the Ice Capades; we spent most of this year becoming accustomed to high school life.

On the second rung of the ladder, our year was highlighted by receiving our class sweaters—royal blue and white. This was the first year that the students got their choice of the pullover and cardigan styles. We also took a trip to "Cinerama" in Chicago.

The half-way point has been reached. As juniors, we had a very busy year. Our rings arrived in December. In April our "April Showers" dance proved successful. The Prom was the biggest social highlight of our third year. It was held at the Crystal Ballroom. "Melody Jones" our junior play was another social event enjoyed.

Our senior year, the final and topmost rung of the ladder has been reached. Leading our class of "57" were Nancy Johnston, President; Karen Blocker, Vice-President; Sharon Evers, Treasurer; and Suzie Linkhart, Secretary. Our very helpful sponsors were Miss Yacuk, Mr. Motts, Mr. Meltzer, and Mr. Englehart. In April the senior dance was held. The theme was in Hawaiian style. Some of the talent was from the senior class presented a floor show. Also in April, the senior play was presented. It was entitled "The Bad Seed." The final moment came—Commencement. As we walked down the aisle in our royal blue and white robes, some of us were glad and others were regretful that we had reached the last step on the ladder of high school days.



BEST LOOKING—Kay McCracken and John Nemeth showed best appearance, neatness, and attractiveness.

BEST ALL-AROUND—Karin Rimer and Don Lunsford were well-rounded in different phases of high school life.



MOST ATHLETIC—Renee Halsted and Don Bartos displayed best athletic abilities in various sports.

Personalities

LIFE OF THE PARTY—Karen Blocker and Dennis O'Brien were always ready with a joke, built up spirits, and had vibrant personalities.



BEST PERSONALITY—Donna Roos and Jim Lowe were sincere in friendships, good tempered, and had a ready smile.

MOST INTELLIGENT—Nancy Johnston and John Senko displayed integrity, initiative, and insight in their school work.





Mrs. Collins Nears 25th Year

A teacher who has devoted a major portion of her life to the education of boys and girls of Ross Township is Mrs. Irene Collins, who in 1956-57, nears her 25th year of teaching at Merrillville High School. Beginning her teaching in 1931, Mrs. Collins has interrupted her tenure only twice—when her children, Martha and Dennis, were born.

During her 24 years of service Mrs. Collins has taught Latin, English, and mathematics. In the past three years she has served as Dean of Girls, assisting them with high school programs, personal problems, and preparing them for the years following graduation.

Mrs. Collins received her B.S. degree from Valparaiso University. She has also studied at Indiana University and the University of Wisconsin.

For a woman who has given so much time and experience to the education of the youth of Ross Township, we hope this small page will offer just recognition.

ACTIVITIES





QUEEN Sharon Prusinski



KING Don Lunsford

"You and the Night and the Music"

On April 27, 1956, the Junior-Senior Prom took place at the Crystal Ballroom. There are many memories to be kept in the minds of all who attended—couples dancing to the music of Pat Demure and his orchestra; signing memory books and having pictures taken; "You and the Night and the Music," the theme of the Prom—all these are now memories.

The highlight of the evening came when all eyes were fixed upon Joanne Wojahn and Bob Layman, Prom Queen and King of 1955, to see who would be crowned 1956 Junior Prom King and Queen. The two lucky Juniors chosen to reign over the evening's festivities were Sharon Prusinski and Don Lunsford.

Then came the Grand March, which was led by the newly crowned King and Queen, Sharon and Don. The girls in their colorful formals and the boys looking their sharpest in their tuxedos presented a beautiful picture as they paraded around the ballroom.

And so, after an evening of dancing and excitement, the Prom was over for another year and only memories remained

The Old and the New





CANDIDATE
KAY McCracken



CANDIDATE
DONNA GUST



CANDIDATE
KARIN RIMER



CANDIDATE
JIM LOWE

CANDIDATE
GARRY CLEMENTS

CANDIDATE
DON MADDACK





"I helped that man to kill him!"



"You can't accuse me..."

Juniors Present Play



The coroner witnesses.



Sue Ellen Anstak, bus. mgr.; Mary Lonsbury, student director; Marilyn Guse, stage mgr.

This year's Junior play was "The Night of January 16th." It was the trial of Karen Andre, a beautiful private secretary to the late Bjorn Faulkner, accused of killing her employer. Miss Andre claimed it was suicide. The late Bjorn Faulkner was a giant industrialist, who had recently married Nancy Lee Whitfield whose father was president of Whitfield National Bank.

The district attorney predicted that it would be an open and shut case, and Karen Andre would be convicted of murder in the first degree. Miss Andre was defended by the young attorney Mr. Stevens.

The play was unusual in that an all male jury of twelve members was chosen from the audience.





A body smashed to pieces!



He's not dead!!...



Yes, beyond a shadow of a doubt.



...and trees that big around!



Are you calling me a liar?



A court is not too dull...

Karen Andre	Janice Sobat
District Attorney Flint	Lyle Hill
Defense Attorney Stephens	Bob Vickroy
Nancy Lee Faulkner	Judy Anderson
John Graham Whitfield	Joe Shapley
Magda Svenson	Nancy Shevick

Jane Chandler	Nancy Vlasic
Mrs. John Hutchins	Wilda Ashton
Roberta Van Rensselaer	Carole Timmons
Larry Regan	Bryant Matthews
Sigurd Jungquist	Jack Kitchell
Court Attendant	Allan Killion

Homer Van Fleet	Tom Rosenbalm
Elmer Sweeney	Dave Bodkin
Clerk	Clifford Massey
Prison Matron	Judy Thompson
Bailiff	Tom Gilrowski
Secretary to Flint	Catherine Tanco

Secretary to Stephens	Mary Ann Wallace
Dr. Kirkland	Dave Jenks
Stenographer	Alice Meiselbar
Policeman	Bill Fratzke
2nd Policeman	Henry Wegman



"Don't you feel well, Dad?"

Seniors Present "Strangers at Home"



Art Richa, stage mgr.; Averill Thompson, business mgr.; Bill Sukel, asst. director.

On April 5 and 6, the Seniors presented their last play, "Strangers at Home," in the auditorium. It was a delightful melodrama about a family that falls apart and is deprived of all the advantages a home should have.

The mother, Mrs. Crosby, turns the home into a tourist house and instead of giving attention to her family, she is more interested in her business. The father, Mr. Crosby, finally ends up with a nervous breakdown due to the stress and strain of his home life. The oldest daughter, Kay, tries to hold the family together; but after being forced to give up a much sought after bachelor, she falls in love and gets married to a man she had thought she despised. The younger daughter, Jean, feels degraded in front of her friends because of her home life, and is forced to leave college. She goes to New York, gets involved with a shady character, and attempts to commit suicide. The play resolved itself into a study of human nature. It had passion, hate, jealousy, greed, and love. The play climaxed a busy year of plays and was a big success.



"Hello, are you friends of Jean?"

"How dare you do this to my sister?"





"You can take the Blue Room."



"Hello Kay."



"But I'm going to shampoo my hair."



Stage Crew

Mrs. Crosby	Karen Blocker
Mr. Crosby	Harold Byerly
Kay Crosby	Karen Rimer
Jean Crosby	Rence Halsted
Aunt Phoebe	Barbara Smith
Stuart Mason	Jim Lowe
Tom Gibbs	Bill Boris
Mrs. Humiston	Suzie Black

Mr. Humiston	Glen Christiansen
Mrs. Fowler	Barbara Stahler
Mr. Fowler	Bob Meyer
Mr. Whittaker	Jack Tonk
Mrs. Newton	Sharon Evers
Joe Stafford	Richard Harbit
Helen Scott	Beverly Purkey
Ethel Yates	Suzie Linkhart

The Cast

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A Study In Yogi



Goodnight Old Man



But It's Not Late

Freshmen-Sophomores Present First Play

Judy Graves	Judy Scott
Grace Graves	Pat Rimer
Harry Graves	Stuart Jewell
Fuffy Adams	Bonnie Talaga
Lois Graves	Sharon Englehart
J. B. Curtis	Jerry Cogelja
Ellen Curtis	Pat Mikula
Willis Reynolds	Al Szal
Hilda	Janice Orrell
Joe	Bob Goss

Barlow Adams	Dave Tonk
Haskell Cummings	Paul McFadden
Western Union Boy	Bob Goss
Merrill Feurbach	Dennis O'Connor
Sterling Brown	Robert Horner
Albert Kunody	Wade Swinford
Tommy Arbuckle	Ronald Stephens
Charles	Bill Sherwood
Henry	Tom Morfee



A Moment Of Glory

This year marked the first year that the underclassmen produced a play combining the talents of the Freshman and Sophomore classes. It was a fast moving comedy entitled "Junior Miss" and was presented February 14 and 15, before an audience of 800 people.

This play was given with the hopes that better plays will result by the time these students reach their Junior and Senior years.

Karen Baurle, Student Director; Linda Luedtke, Business Manager; Charles Hardt, Stage Manager.



Jim Lowe crowns Kay McCracken as John Nemeth and Mr. Demaree look on.

Second Annual Homecoming a Success

The second annual Homecoming game and dance was highlighted by the choosing of Homecoming Queen and Mr. Football to reign over the festivities.

The voting on "Mr. Football" was handled entirely by the football team. When the ballots were counted, it was found that the honor would be shared between John Nemeth and Jim Lowe.

The candidates for queen were limited to Seniors and each Senior homeroom chose two girls. Then they were narrowed down to four candidates by the football team and then were voted on by the whole school.

Kay McCracken was elected Homecoming Queen. The court was made up of Suzie Linkhart, Sharon Prusinski, and Donna Gust.



A parade of beauty.



The court convenes.

Glittering Crystal Ball and Christmas Tree



Reaching for a star?



Oh, how we danced!



Symbolize Hi-Y Dance

The Annual Senior Hi-Y Christmas Dance was held in the Merrillville Gym on December 15, 1956. The music was supplied by the Cavaliers.

Glittering lights from the crystal ball, music, and dancing feet highlighted the dance. A big Christmas tree stood in the middle of the floor with the crystal ball right above, throwing thousands of little lights into every corner of the gym. A false ceiling of green and red paper added much to the Christmas effect.

Green boughs lined the railing sprayed white with green and red bows set at intervals. Needless to say, the dance was a huge success.

Spring Activities

Climax Year . . .



Annual Sadie Hawkins Dance



The Athletic Ball



New teacher, Miss Crispi

Prom night at last.



The finished product

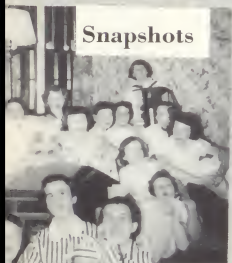


Operetta success project for choir.

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Snapshots



the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1995. The public sector has become a major employer in the UK, and its growth has been a major factor in the overall growth of the economy.

The public sector has also become a major employer of women. In 1980, women made up 40% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 50%. This increase in the number of women in the public sector has been a major factor in the overall increase in the number of women in the workforce. The public sector has also become a major employer of young people. In 1980, young people made up 10% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 20%.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people with disabilities. In 1980, people with disabilities made up 5% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 10%. This increase in the number of people with disabilities in the public sector has been a major factor in the overall increase in the number of people with disabilities in the workforce.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people from ethnic minorities. In 1980, people from ethnic minorities made up 5% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 10%. This increase in the number of people from ethnic minorities in the public sector has been a major factor in the overall increase in the number of people from ethnic minorities in the workforce.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people who are over 50 years of age. In 1980, people over 50 years of age made up 10% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 20%. This increase in the number of people over 50 years of age in the public sector has been a major factor in the overall increase in the number of people over 50 years of age in the workforce.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people who are under 20 years of age. In 1980, people under 20 years of age made up 5% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 10%. This increase in the number of people under 20 years of age in the public sector has been a major factor in the overall increase in the number of people under 20 years of age in the workforce.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people who are over 65 years of age. In 1980, people over 65 years of age made up 5% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 10%. This increase in the number of people over 65 years of age in the public sector has been a major factor in the overall increase in the number of people over 65 years of age in the workforce.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people who are under 16 years of age. In 1980, people under 16 years of age made up 5% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 10%. This increase in the number of people under 16 years of age in the public sector has been a major factor in the overall increase in the number of people under 16 years of age in the workforce.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people who are over 75 years of age. In 1980, people over 75 years of age made up 5% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 10%. This increase in the number of people over 75 years of age in the public sector has been a major factor in the overall increase in the number of people over 75 years of age in the workforce.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people who are under 12 years of age. In 1980, people under 12 years of age made up 5% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 10%. This increase in the number of people under 12 years of age in the public sector has been a major factor in the overall increase in the number of people under 12 years of age in the workforce.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people who are over 85 years of age. In 1980, people over 85 years of age made up 5% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 10%. This increase in the number of people over 85 years of age in the public sector has been a major factor in the overall increase in the number of people over 85 years of age in the workforce.

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The public sector has also become a major employer of women. In 1980, women made up 40% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 50%. This increase has been driven by a number of factors, including the growth of the public sector, the increasing participation of women in the workforce, and the increasing demand for public services.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people with disabilities. In 1980, people with disabilities made up 1% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 3%. This increase has been driven by a number of factors, including the growth of the public sector, the increasing participation of people with disabilities in the workforce, and the increasing demand for public services.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people from ethnic minorities. In 1980, people from ethnic minorities made up 2% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 5%. This increase has been driven by a number of factors, including the growth of the public sector, the increasing participation of people from ethnic minorities in the workforce, and the increasing demand for public services.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people from the lower social classes. In 1980, people from the lower social classes made up 10% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 15%. This increase has been driven by a number of factors, including the growth of the public sector, the increasing participation of people from the lower social classes in the workforce, and the increasing demand for public services.

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The public sector has also become a major employer of people from the lower education levels. In 1980, people from the lower education levels made up 10% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 15%. This increase has been driven by a number of factors, including the growth of the public sector, the increasing participation of people from the lower education levels in the workforce, and the increasing demand for public services.

The public sector has also become a major employer of people from the lower health status. In 1980, people from the lower health status made up 10% of the public sector workforce, and by 1995, this figure had risen to 15%. This increase has been driven by a number of factors, including the growth of the public sector, the increasing participation of people from the lower health status in the workforce, and the increasing demand for public services.

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There is a growing emphasis on the need to improve the efficiency of public services, and to ensure that the public sector is able to deliver the services that are required in a cost-effective manner. This has led to a number of initiatives, including the introduction of competition, the restructuring of public services, and the introduction of performance targets.

The aim of this paper is to examine the impact of these initiatives on the public sector, and to identify the factors that are likely to influence the success of these initiatives. The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 discusses the background to the initiatives, and Section 3 discusses the impact of the initiatives on the public sector. Section 4 discusses the factors that are likely to influence the success of the initiatives, and Section 5 discusses the conclusions.

2. Background

The public sector in the UK has been the subject of a number of initiatives in the 1990s, including the introduction of competition, the restructuring of public services, and the introduction of performance targets. These initiatives have been aimed at improving the efficiency of the public sector, and ensuring that the public sector is able to deliver the services that are required in a cost-effective manner.

The introduction of competition has been a key feature of the initiatives, and has been aimed at encouraging the public sector to compete with the private sector. This has led to a number of public services being opened up to competition, including the postal service, the water supply, and the electricity supply.

The restructuring of public services has also been a key feature of the initiatives, and has been aimed at improving the efficiency of the public sector. This has led to a number of public services being restructured, including the health service, the education service, and the social services.

The introduction of performance targets has also been a key feature of the initiatives, and has been aimed at ensuring that the public sector is able to deliver the services that are required in a cost-effective manner. This has led to a number of public services being subject to performance targets, including the health service, the education service, and the social services.

The impact of these initiatives on the public sector has been the subject of a number of studies, and the results have been mixed. Some studies have found that the initiatives have led to improvements in the efficiency of the public sector, while others have found that the initiatives have led to a decline in the efficiency of the public sector.

The factors that are likely to influence the success of these initiatives are the subject of a number of studies, and the results have been mixed. Some studies have found that the initiatives are more likely to be successful if they are supported by a strong political commitment, while others have found that the initiatives are more likely to be successful if they are supported by a strong financial commitment.

The conclusions of this paper are that the initiatives have had a mixed impact on the public sector, and that the factors that are likely to influence the success of these initiatives are the subject of a number of studies. The paper also discusses the need for further research into the impact of these initiatives on the public sector.

